



Resurrection Our Lord Church

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Aug 25, 2024

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Total Sum. Collection \$ 4,768.00
Capital Improvement \$ 140.00

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” These words form the last words that Joshua leaves the people of Israel; let us also embrace these words that we, too, may live in freedom. (Joshua 24:15)

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Baptism : Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 7:15 am to 7:35 am or by appointment.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 8/25: * Dominic and ancestors both sides by Ca Do
* Joseph and Martha by Khiết Loan
Mon 8/26: * All souls by 1 family
* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph by Hung Ha
Tue 8/27: * Thanksgiving and intention by Tuyet Loan
* Andrew, Ann and Thomas by family
Wed 8/28: * All souls, thanksgiving and Intention by 1 person
* Well-being for family by Hong Au
Thus 8/29: * Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph by Hung Ha
* All souls, thanksgiving and Intention by 1 person
Fri 8/30: * Thanksgiving by Lap Sam family
* Dominic and all souls by Ca Do
Sat 8/31: * Joseph and Maria by Hong Au
* Joseph and Martha by Khiết Loan

Today's Gospel: (Jn 6, 60-69) Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Holy Father's Intention for August: For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Tewnty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: no one who accepts Christ for what he is, the Son of God in human form, has any difficulty in believing that he left us himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament. This does not mean that we understand this gift of Christ in all its details it was an act of divine power and as such beyond full human comprehension. However, we can understand enough about the actuality of the Eucharist because we accept the words of Christ, who "has the words of eternal life," even though its innermost nature escapes us. We are doing no violence to our intelligence when we accept as fact from a trustworthy witness what we cannot prove or confirm for ourselves. No more trustworthy witness than Christ ever existed. In Galilee he promised to give his body and blood in the Eucharist to be our spiritual nourishment communion and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time his body and blood are made present by the words of his ordained minister. He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when he said: "Do this in memory of me." When Simon Peter answered Christ's challenge "will you too go away?" he spoke not only for his fellow-Apostles that day with: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." but for all Christians who really believe that Christ was the incarnate Son of God. Peter, be it noted, made his act of faith before he was fully convinced of the divinity of Christ, but he was already convinced that Christ was close to God and spoke nothing but the truth.

We have the proofs of Christ's divinity which Peter and the Apostles later got. We have also the faith of two thousand years of the Christians whose belief in the Blessed Eucharist as a sacrifice and sacrament was at the very center of their Christian lives. We have also the noble example of many martyrs who gladly gave their lives in defense of this truth. Our faith may never be put to such an extreme test, but should it be, God grant that we will not be found wanting.

Many of us may need to examine ourselves as regards the full and effective use we make of that gift. Every time we attend at Mass do we realize that Christ is offering himself to his Father for our sanctification and the sanctification of the world? Do we realize that we, through his minister at the altar, are offering infinite thanksgiving, infinite atonement, infinite adoration, infinitely effective petition, to our Father in heaven through the sacrifice of his divine Son in the Mass?

Second Collection: We will have a Second Collection on next Sunday for Catholic University of America. **Please be prepared!**